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GOT THE MAN

George Yount Will Have to Face Grand Larceny Charge

Geo. Young, who was arrested here last Friday on the charge of having stolen a number of guns, knives and razors from the hardware store of Ezra Shorb, was turned loose, because the deputies thought that it would be all right to do so, owing to the fact that Mr. Shorb did not wish to prosecute the case. The man was never taken to the office of the county attorney, but was turned loose without investigation. The goods stolen amount to more than \$40 which makes the crime a felony, and it means a term in the penitentiary for the man who is found guilty by the jury. The man was turned loose while Sheriff Eidson was in Meade putting the other two prisoners in jail there. Upon the return of the sheriff a warrant was sworn out Tuesday night, and the man was located at Dalhart. The Sheriff went to Dalhart on No. 3, Tuesday night and returned with his man on No. 4 Wednesday morning. The man waived preliminary examination and was then bound over to the district court. It is probable that he will plead guilty before the court and receive a sentence. As there are a number of hoboes being taken off the trains here every day, it is hardly advisable to let any case of law violation pass unpunished, as such procedure might subject the town to a number of petty offenses in the future. We believe that the course taken was the proper one, under the circumstances. The business men of the town must be protected.

Mayor's Proclamation

Liberal, Kansas.

Owing to the great danger to our city from fire during a Fourth of July celebration, and to the fact that we have, at the present time, very inadequate fire protection;

Therefore I, R. T. Nichols, Mayor of Liberal, Kansas, do prohibit the firing or use of any kind of firecrackers or fireworks in that part of the city of Liberal, Kansas, north of the main line of the Rock Island railway, east of Grant Avenue, and, south of Fifth Street. And for the protection of the public in general, and especially the children, the sale of all firecrackers over three inches long is prohibited.

R. T. NICHOLS, Mayor.

N. L. Falls is in San Francisco this week attending the National Sunday School convention.

Mrs. Buckland went to Wichita the first of the week for a visit with her son Sam. She will come back with her daughter, Phoebe, the last of the week.

City Property MUST SELL

Price for one week \$1625.00

If not sold before July 1st price will be reduced \$25. It will be lower each week until it is sold.

House and Lot Must Go

Five room house, electric lights, city water, big barn, hen house, coal shed, etc. On a good street—only two blocks from principal business corner of the town. See

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The District Court

Will Hold An Adjourned Session July 3, to Hear Jail Injunction Case

Word has been received here that Judge W. H. Thompson will be here on July 3 to hold an adjourned term of court. County Attorney Commons has waived notice of the jail injunction case against the commissioners in order to get the matter before court on that date. The case will come to focus then, when the plaintiff, O. T. Woods will ask for a temporary restraining order. If the court refuses to grant the order, the case will probably go to the supreme court. In the event that the order is granted, it is probable that the case will be carried up. Several other motions will be argued before the court at that time. Judge Thompson will be one of the speakers at the exercises here on July 4.

Claude Bunyard has taken a position with the Palace Clothing Co.

Mrs. Chas. Taylor and Mrs. O. M. Woods have returned from a week's visit at the Adams ranch near Hooker.

The wrecker was called to Cullison Tuesday to pick up a few cars that went into the ditch Monday morning.

The Tyrone State Bank has received a charter to do business as a National bank, and will in the future be known as the First National bank of Tyrone.

Miss Merita Brown arrived from Kansas City Tuesday night to spend the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hood, of this city.

Mrs. Hattie Merchant and two grandchildren, Will and Launa Foltz, left Monday night for an extended visit with friends and relatives in Los Angeles, Cal.

Two Fires

Last Saturday afternoon an explosion of the gasoline stove in the kitchen of the apartments occupied by J. D. Cooper on Lincoln Ave., caused what might have been a serious fire. The chemical engine and the good work of those who could get there quickly extinguished the blaze, but not before considerable damage was done to the interior of the building. Mr. Cooper was badly burned on both hands and Aunt Minor, who was ironing in the kitchen at the time the blaze started, went out through a kitchen window. The loss was covered by insurance.

Tuesday night about ten o'clock the chemical engine made a quick run to the McDermott rooming house. A small pile of hay across the street from the rooming house had caught fire, but the blaze was put out with buckets of water by the neighbors before the engine arrived. There was little loss, but a number of people made a quick trip to the south side.

Mr. S. W. Smith made a business trip to Kansas City, this week.

Mrs. Purcell of Oklahoma City came in last week for a short visit with Mrs. C. C. Bradford.

Mrs. B. M. Peck and son have returned from a visit with relatives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

New potatoes are \$3 on the local market. This sounds good—to the fellow with a few acres of good spuds.

Mrs. Chas. Ellsaesser and children returned Sunday from a visit with friends and relatives in eastern Kansas.

Ed Hitch of Liberal, Kansas and Virgil Hitch are spending the week in Guyton with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hitch.

John Printz moved the first of the week to his new home on N. Kansas Ave. It is a new bungalow and one of the most attractive in town.

Standard Oil Sued.

The county Attorney has filed suit against the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana on a charge of violating the state anti-trust law on five counts. The fine may be \$500 on each count and attorney's fees have been asked for. A number of similar cases have been started in other counties over the state.

It is charged in the petition of the case that in Seward county on the 17th of September, 1909, being engaged in a contract with the Standard Oil Co. of Kansas, the Prairie Oil & Gas Co., and divers other corporations, which was made with a view to prevent and did prevent the full and free competition in the sale of a certain domestic raw material, petroleum, did carry out said arrangements to advance the price of petroleum to the consumers within the county of Seward contrary to the statute of the state of Kansas. The other four counts are similar, differing only in the dates named, the most recent of which is October 17th, 1910.

The plaintiff alleges that the sum of \$500 is due the state on each of the counts, and also reasonable attorney fees. If the case is found for the state the amount of the fines will go to the school fund of the county of Seward. The petition was filed Monday afternoon.

T. W. Gaw was at Meade on business Monday.

Geo. A. Quinlan went to Hutchinson on business Tuesday.

Mr. Abe Warwick of Burton, Kansas was a business visitor here Tuesday.

J. J. Merrilees of the Pioneer Trading Co. with stores at Balco and La Kemp, Oklahoma, was a Liberal visitor Tuesday.

Another Railroad

A meeting was held by the citizens of Stanton county last Monday for the purpose of appointing committees to procure the right of way for a railroad running from Meade northwest to Santa Fe, west to Ulysses, west to Johnson and southwest to Des Moines, New Mexico, there to connect with the Colorado & Southern.

The people of Stanton county propose to give the road \$4,000 a mile in bonds and the company agrees to build the road within four months.

We hasten to give this information to our readers, fearing that the road will be in operation before the paper reaches them if any time is lost.

While we are always glad of the good fortune of our neighbors, and especially in this case, as a railroad within twenty-two miles from us would be a great improvement over what we now have, still it would seem that we are not being treated right by this company, which proposes to build a railroad in a circle around this county.

Starting a dozen miles further south than the north line of Morton county, the road takes a northerly course until it reaches Santa Fe; thence west through Ulysses to Johnson, a distance of 22 miles north of here, and then proceeds southwest and finally turns about straight south.

However, of course we hope the road will be built, even before the four months are up, as it will give us a railroad on about three sides of us.—Richfield Monitor.

Frank Summers left Sunday for a few weeks' outing at Claremore, Oklahoma, with his brother, Ed, of Guyton, who is also a hay fever victim.

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